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SUBJ: UK APPROACH ON FPDA

REF : LONDON 4955.

1. UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR MOBERLY CALLED EA ACTING ASST
SECRETARY HUMMEL MAY 3 TO RELAY LONDON SUGGESTION REPORTED
PARA 5 REFTEL THAT WE URGE MALAYSIANS AND INDONESIANS TO
MAKE IT CLEAR TO WHITLAM THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
AUSTRALIAN FORCES REMAIN IN MALAYSIA/ SINGAPORE. MOBERLY
CITED RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH WHITLAM IN LONDON, WHICH
INDICATED THAT WHITLAM HAD AVOIDED DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE
OF GOA DECISIONS, BUT SAID THAT SUCH MATTERS SHOULD BE
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TAKEN UP WITH DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD WHEN HE VISITS LONDON. MOBERLY COULD NOT SAY WHETHER UK PLANNED TO MAKE SUCH SUGGESTION TO MALAYSIA, BUT THOUGHT UK DECISION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY WHAT U. S. DECIDED.

2. HUMMEL ASSURED MOBERLY THAT MATTER WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, BUT EXPRESSED OUR GENERAL RELUCTANCE STIMULATE REPRESENTATIONS TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE A) U. S. IS NOT A PARTY TO FPDA; B) IF WHITLAM FOUND OUT ABOUT ANY SUCH MOVES BY U. S. HE WOULD BE VERY MUCH ANNOYED, AND C) SUCH REPRESENTATIONS WERE LIKELY TO BE MADE EVEN IN ABSENCE OF ANY USG STIMULATION.

3. MOBERLY WAS INFORMED ON MAY 10 THAT U. S. HAD DECIDED NOT TO APPROACH MALAYSIA OR INDONESIA ON THIS MATTER. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS NOTED THAT BARNARD HAD ALREADY COMPLETED HIS CONSULTATIONS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE. ROGERS

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